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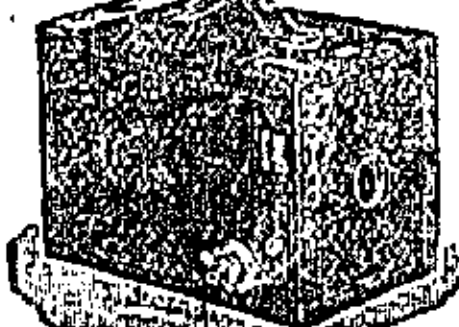
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## SUPREME COURT.

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IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. T. SHERBOURNE SMITH  
(JUDGE).IN THE MATTER OF WONG KA CHEONG.  
The hearing of this application for a writ of *habeas corpus* was continued.

Mr. H. N. Ferrers (instructed by Mr. Otto Kung Sing) made the application. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding) representing the Chinese Government, and Mr. G. E. Morrell, of the Crown Solicitor's office, being in attendance.

Mr. Ferrers—Since this matter was last before Your Honour another affidavit made by the prisoner's solicitor, identifying the warrant of commitment, has been filed; also a declaration made by the prisoner himself, which completes the necessary preliminaries. The intention of the Chinese authorities, in the event of his being surrendered, is to punish him in accordance with a proclamation for the extermination of certain vagabonds, which is otherwise than the extradition crime. The proclamation, published by the Chinese authorities at the beginning of the year, accuses the prisoner of being a sturdy rogue and vagabond, while the evidence of the prosecution shows that he is accused of murder.

His Honour—You say he is wanted for murder?  
Mr. Ferrers—No. I say he runs the risk of being punished for murder but the real grounds are that the joint charge against him and some 60 others of being vagabonds is the crime for which the extradition is sought.

His Honour—You charge the Chinese Government of bad faith?

Mr. Ferrers—No, your Honour. For all I know the provisions have not been brought to their notice. If the prisoner goes back he will be punished for an offence which is not an extradition crime.

His Honour—The offence for which the surrender has been demanded is clearly an extradition crime.

Mr. Ferrers—Clearly, Your Honour, but then we produce a Chinese document threatening him with punishment for something else, and say that that something else is not an extradition crime. This proclamation says nothing about giving him a trial, but threatens to exterminate him.

His Honour—You have to satisfy the Court that the requisition for surrender, in fact, been made with a view to punishing him for an offence that is not an extradition crime.

Mr. Ferrers—All through the trial at the Police Court the Magistrate said he required proof of guilt, and he never got it.

His Honour—The prosecution must have succeeded in proving the prisoner's guilt to the satisfaction of the Magistrate, as he committed the prisoner.

Mr. Ferrers—The prisoner failed to prove his case at the Magistrate, but he is given by law another chance to prove same before a judge of the Supreme Court.

His Honour—The Magistrate would not have committed him if he had not had proof to his satisfaction.

Mr. Ferrers—The Section says that the prisoner has not to prove until brought before the Court on a writ of *habeas corpus*. Before anyone can be extradited to China there must be proof that he is a subject of the Emperor of China, and it is for the Chinese authorities to prove that he is a Chinese subject.His Honour, in giving his decision, said—  
This is an application made yesterday, and renewed this afternoon, by and on behalf of one, Wong Ka Cheong, that a writ of *habeas corpus* issue to the superintendent of Victoria goal to bring up the body of the said Wong Ka Cheong before the Supreme Court. It appears that the extradition of the applicant has been applied for by the Government of China. He was arrested on the 3rd March last upon a warrant issued by the Magistrate on the 22nd February, and was formerly remanded from time to time until 12th April, when evidence on that and other occasions was taken. He was committed to Victoria goal to await the further order of H.E. the Governor on a charge of armed robbery within the jurisdiction of China. There were three charges formulated against him, namely, robbery with violence, robbery in conjunction with two or more persons and robbery under arms. The writ applied for is not a writ as of course, but a writ as of right, by which I understand that a person in custody, who applies for a writ of *habeas corpus* would not get it as of course, but that it would be granted to him as of right if he satisfied the Court that there were reasonable grounds for the issue of the writ. The material grounds of the present application are three. The first ground of application is based on section 4 (1) of the Chinese Extradition Ordinance No. 7 of 1889, and it was stated to be that the applicant should have a chance of proving to the satisfaction of a judge of the Supreme Court that the requisition for his surrender had, in fact, been made with a view to try to punish him for an offence which was not an extradition crime, and that unless the writ issues he cannot be brought before the Court and, therefore, cannot try to satisfy the Court that he is in fact wanted for a non-extradition offence. In support of his argument, the learned counsel referred me to a proclamation issued by the Chinese Government calling for the extermination of certain bandits, amongst whom is included the prisoner, Wong Ka Cheong, and urged that the offence of being abandit was not an extraditable offence. The next ground on which the application was based, was that this Court must have regard to the Treaty of Tientsin in support of Article 21 of which the Chinese Extradition Ordinance No. 7 of 1889 was specially passed. He called attention to the terms of Section 21 of the Treaty of Tientsin, by which the fugitive criminal has to be surrendered only on proof of his guilt. It was argued that the proof required by the Treaty of Tientsin was something more than mere *prima facie* evidence, sufficient to justify a magistrate in committing on an ordinary case of offence against the laws of the Colony. In this connection Wilson's case, 3 Q.B.D. page 42, was referred to. The third ground of the application was that clause 21 of the Treaty of Tientsin speaks of the rendition of criminals subjects of China, and that there was no evidence before the Court that the prisoner was a subject of China. The onus of proving every matter constituting the offence charged, and fulfilling the conditions of surrender, lay upon the Chinese Government, which, it was argued, failed to sustain the onus. On these three grounds, therefore, I think that counsel has been advanced by the learned counsel to justify me in directing the issue of a writ. A writ of *habeas corpus* will accordingly issue to the superintendent of Victoria goal and will be returnable on Saturday morning, the 27th instant, at 11 a.m.So far as it may have been contended that there was no sufficient *prima facie* evidence of the offence charged, later the Magistrate to justify him in committing the prisoner for trial at the Supreme Court if the offences had been committed within the jurisdiction of this Court, and that, therefore, there was no sufficient *prima facie* evidence to justify the Magistrate in committing the prisoner to await extradition, I am of opinion that there was sufficient *prima facie* evidence. My order directing the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus* is, therefore, not based on the ground that there was no *prima facie* evidence.

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As a social unit John is undoubtedly a brilliant success, and, class for class, requires a lot of beating by the white man. To-morrow, when the Chinese man has vitiated himself in bringing the mere mechanical arts to a state of unparalleled perfection, this virile barbarian will stop, full-armed, keen and alert, vigorous with unsapped energy, like some distant relative, into the full possession and enjoyment of a heritage for which we, atrophied in body and jaded in mind, have toiled and studied, and fought and bled to attain, and which, in the very moment of attainment, we have lacked the ability to enjoy, the strength to grasp.

## A MISCHIEVOUS REPORT.

A Canton dispatch states that, learning that the French have been establishing six border posts on their side, opposite Lungchow, on the Kuan-si frontier, H. E. Viceroy Tsien Chin-hsien has sent instructions to the Imperial Commissioner, Cheng Hsiao-sii, commanding troops on the frontier, to establish similar posts on the border so as to counteract any designs the French may have on Kiangsi province.

## HAMBURG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

April 18th.

I was much surprised to learn from an article in one of our local papers that the German Commercial Code contains no provisions for compulsory extra-judicial arrangements between insolvent debtors and their creditors, and that where one or more of the latter decline to agree to a private settlement of the individual's affairs, the former can only obtain relief by passing through the court. The consequence is that creditors frequently hold out in the hope of securing preferential treatment, in which they often succeed, as friends of the insolvent, anxious to save him from the shame of public bankruptcy, "square" them in secret, which is unfair to the other creditors. It is generally admitted, moreover, that proceedings in bankruptcy benefit neither creditor nor debtor, for in the first place the costs which are pretty heavy have to come out of the estate, reducing the assets by so much and then the official receiver is rarely in a position to dispose of the assets to the best advantage, nor does he, as a rule, care to do so, his object being in most cases to expedite the liquidation of the estate as much as possible. And last, not least, as regards the debtor his reputation suffers more or less and he consequently finds it more difficult to rehabilitate himself. This is fully understood in England and other countries where, under certain conditions, creditors can be forced by law to accept a private composition. A bill to that end has recently been introduced in the Austrian Reichsrath, the writer of the article mentioned, thinks might serve as a model for legislation in this country. It provides that anybody finding himself in a position to meet his engagements shall have the right to apply to the Amtsgericht, one of the lower courts, for a private settlement, pending in at the same time his balance sheets of the last few years and a statement of the percentage, which must not be less than 3 per cent, he proposes to pay. Should the offer be accepted, he shall also name the security he expects to yield, he shall also make a statement of the assets of the estate, and the court shall call a meeting of creditors, and immediately issue an injunction staying all legal proceedings against the debtor and prohibiting the latter from alienating any part of the estate. If at the meeting creditors representing three-fourths of the claims on the estate accept the composition, it shall be binding on all, provided always that no pre-judgment payments shall have been made, and that the majority not having been obtained a second meeting may be called and if this again proves abortive, the estate shall go into bankruptcy, unless the creditors, by a simple majority, grant a further delay.

## THE NEW MINING BILL.

Concerning the new mining bill my surmise is that its provisions would be whittled down by the Committee, had proved correct. At the first reading the clause abolishing "niggers" were maintained, but the second reading was postponed, and the bill was not immediately passed. The limitation of working hours by law was rejected, except in special cases, when on application the official mining authorities of the district shall be empowered to fix a time limit. It was decided not to make the institution of men's committees compulsory, whilst the creation of sanitary boards on which the miners were to be represented, was strongly advocated. At the second reading several amendments to these alterations were passed—amongst others, that the men's committees be obligatory and that the voting for them be open and not by ballot. It now remains to be seen which, if any, of the recommendations of the committee the Prussian government is prepared to adopt.

## THE LEGAL WORKING DAY.

The question of a legal working day seems to occupy the attention of the Imperial government as well, some time ago an enquiry was set on foot with regard to other hours, and it is reported that not only the subordinates but some of the leading merchants expressed themselves in favour of regulating them by law. It may be possible in inland and manufacturing towns, but in great commercial centres and seaports any restriction of the hours of labour would soon prove impracticable.

## THE BORNEOAN.

The Borneoan seems to have fared no better in the recent changes in support of commercial morality having been dropped: viz., that the right to repudiate contracts in future on the stock and produce exchanges shall no longer extend to firms entered on the official register of firms ("Firmenregister"), and that deposits made against losses on pending transactions should not be recoverable after a certain time has elapsed.

## COTTON.

It will be remembered that after the wild excitement in the cotton markets during the winter of 1903, delegates from the different Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations met at Zurich last year for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to meet the danger of a threatening cotton famine and of preventing the recurrence of speculative speculations. It was decided to curtail production materially and this measure, rigorously carried out during the remainder of the season, succeeded in conjunction with the prospects of an early and abundant new crop, in effectually checking further speculative manipulations. A committee was appointed at that time, consisting of a prominent member from each of the countries represented at the congress under the chairmanship of Mr. Macara, of Manchester, and promote in every way the general interests of the trade. This committee met at Brussels last week, preparatory to a general meeting of delegates to be held in June. An invitation from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, offering the hospitality of that city to the delegates, was gladly accepted, and was also accepted by the Mayor of Liverpool to visit that port. After reporting on the past year it was resolved to consider for discussion: the conditions of the purchase and importation of cotton; the extension of the cultivation of cotton in the colonies and dependencies of the several countries interested; and an appeal to the Imperial government to use every effort to improve the growth and the quality of the article in India; the adoption of the metric system for yarns and goods; and the appointment of a permanent secretary for the proper organisation of the united associations.

The introduction of the metric system is no doubt the most difficult problem, but it is to be hoped in the interest of Great Britain that a satisfactory solution may soon be found and that the country may emerge from the position of "splendid isolation" it now occupies with regard to weights and measures.

Perhaps there is no greater tragedy in human life than great goodness called to high office without the wisdom necessary to its discharge. Canon Bechings at York Minister.

## THE HORRIBLE AFFAIR AT NINGPO.

Later accounts of the launch accident at Ningpo, reported some days ago, state that only forty or fifty persons were saved; the rest were drowned. The launch presented a pitiable sight of weeping women, friends, and relatives. Divers have been set at work to recover the bodies. This is the most terrible disaster that has ever happened on the Ningpo river. The launch was supposed to accommodate only some fifty persons, the overcrowding being responsible for the calamity. Only those in the upper part of the launch, about forty persons, were saved. Many people had locked themselves in their cabins, as the boat was so overcrowded, in order to prevent others coming in, with the consequence that when the launch foundered they had no possibility of escape.

The Ningpo correspondent of the N.C. Daily News reports—Up to time of writing (3.45 p.m. on May 16th) over forty bodies have been recovered. The great difficulty has been in finding the boat over on her keel, and then raising her sufficiently to allow of her being drawn into shallow water.

The first difficulty has been overcome, and part of the funnel and the forecastle are above water.

When the boat capsized she turned completely over. This prevented any use of passengers who were on the lower decks and cabins. Being now resting on her keel, chains and steel hawsers are being made fast to the boat, so that at floodtide she may be dragged close to the Bund where, at low water, most of the cabins can be reached and the bodies recovered. The estimate given yesterday is only 100 likely to prove correct. The steam launch ought only to carry 135 passengers, but it is said she only had 100 on board. Many stories of Chinese heroism are told. When the small steamer turned over, about four minutes elapsed before she sank. During this time many were rescued by Chinese at the risk of their own lives. It seems the commander of the boat had shut all the doors of the saloon and cabins to prevent any more passengers entering. This undoubtedly caused great loss of life.

The matter officials and foreign Customs officers have worked energetically and continuously during the past 24 hours. The Chinese gunboat, the *Chowang*, has also come up from Cheonghai, and her crew are assisting in raising the boat. Probably to-morrow the full extent of the disaster, so far as lives actually lost, will be known. Some families have lost four and some as many as eight members. The *Wan-chai* has been stopped by order of the Tientsin Consulate.Writing on May 18th, the same correspondent says—All efforts to raise the unfortunate steam launch *Ningpo* have been unsuccessful up to time of writing. Absence of suitable tackle has been the chief cause of failure. It is hoped that by Friday morning the boat will be sufficiently raised to allow of all the bodies in her cabins being removed. Seventy-two bodies have been recovered so far, but the boat itself must be one vast charnel-house.

## DERELICT MINES.

N.C. Daily News writes—It will be remembered that the British Consul-General here published a fortnight ago a notification in the following terms:—

From a report issued by the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Hogue*, it appears that the reports of the many floating mines between Shanghai and Chefoo have been greatly exaggerated.

Although mines do exist, it is probable that what are taken for mines are in many cases only floating cables, logs of wood, etc., and whilst floating cables should still be avoided, it is every precaution should be taken to avoid them. It is hoped that confidence will be somewhat restored by reason of this information, which has been issued after a careful and constant survey of these waters.

A more unfortunate notification than this we have not seen for a long time, and we can only imagine that it was really intended for quotation in the House of Commons by Earl Percy, or to reassure the British squadron that is coming up to Weihaiwei from the South.

The *Hogue*, we are told, has made "a careful and constant survey" and found that the mines "do exist," why, then, did she not destroy them? "Every precaution should still be taken," and yet "it is hoped that confidence will be somewhat restored," how can confidence be restored as long as it is still necessary to take every precaution? The fact is that Sir John Fisher's preposterous reforms have deprived the Commander-in-Chief of this station of any vessels which he can use to destroy mines, and the job is left to merchant vessels, hardly a day passing, before a threat to our columns of notification, and the attempted explosion of a mine by a merchant steamer. The *Hogue* is a recent arrival on this station, and her commanding officer has evidently a very limited knowledge of the class of men who are captains and officers of regular traders between Shanghai and the north, or he would not accuse them of mistaking floating cables, logs of wood, etc., for mines. We do not write, however, to criticise the various naval authorities in the interest of all who occupy their business in great waters in North China the duty of looking for and destroying as many of these mines as possible, the danger from which increases as they drift further and further from where they were originally deposited. If Sir John Fisher has removed all ships that the Commander-in-Chief "can use to destroy mines," what is the use of urging the naval authorities to do this duty?

## THE AMERICAN BOYCOTT AT SHANGHAI.

The Shanghai Daily News understands that Acting Consul-General Davidson has written a dispatch to the Shanghai Tai tai, with regard to the proposed boycott of American goods, etc., by Chinese, that it is his (Mr. Davidson's) opinion that there is some misunderstanding among the Chinese with regard to the Exclusion Treaty, and that he would like the Tai tai to invite as many of the principal Chinese merchants and members of the gentry in Shanghai to meet him at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, on a day to be set by the Tai tai, where Acting Consul-General Davidson may address them and explain away all doubtful points concerning the proposed Treaty. Mr. Davidson further stated that he would also be glad to forward to the Government any petition that the Chinese merchants and gentry may desire to present to President Roosevelt.

We are, as a nation, far too ready to play judge, jury, and prosecuting counsel to all our neighbours, only suggesting that someone other than ourselves should carry out our sentences. The hatred which recurs against us from time to time in all the countries of Europe is chiefly owing to the fact that we are always sitting on a magisterial bench doling out uncensored reproof and good advice to other nations. "The Clubman" in the Sketch.

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## SHIPPING.

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The Japanese Government proposes to sell by tender 22 vessels sunk outside Port Arthur.A COLLISION.  
The Dutch steamer *Tjandji* and the Norwegian steamer *Heva* were at anchor off Moji on May 11th, when the latter steamer dragged her anchor and collided with the former, doing her considerable damage.WANTED AT HONGKONG.  
A stowaway giving his name as John Wingham, who arrived at Manila on the British steamer *Ton* on May 19th, was taken into custody and confined at the San Cernado police station, awaiting extradition to the Hongkong authorities, by whom he is said to be wanted.THE "ROMULUS" SUNK.  
The German steamer *Romulus*, 2640 tons, stranded off Hainan, was to be sold by auction by order of the Japanese Admiralty.NOW JAPANESE.  
The Yokohama Prize Court has confiscated the German steamers *Palos*, 2288 tons, and *Severus*, 2383 tons.JAPANESE SEAMANSHIP.  
Capt. Jorgensen of the *Pecheli* reported at Tientsin meeting the Japanese transport *Chiyoko Maru* with a great part of her stern blown away by a mine. Capt. Jorgensen offered to tow her to Chefoo but the captain refused. There was a big hole blown right through her, through which the cargo in the after hold had dropped into the sea, and a house on deck was blown away without leaving a trace. Her bow was in the air and her stern under water when the *Pecheli* left her. Capt. Jorgensen had little doubt that she would sink, but it is since reported that her bulkheads kept her afloat and that she is being repaired.The N.C. Daily News received the following telegram—Tokyo, 16th May. The Osaka Shosen Company's steamer *Meiko Maru*, 1178 tons, struck a mine near Port Arthur on the 14th inst., and became a total loss. All on board were rescued.A SAD CARGO.  
The str. *Wanpoo* left Shanghai for Odesa on May 16th, having on board a haul of 4000 lbs. of Russian victims of the war. She will call first at Chefoo to take on board other Russian invalids from that port.MORE CAPTURES.  
A Tokyo telegram to the N.C. Daily News, on 17th May, says the Japanese captured the British steamer *Lauchlin* south of Korea on the 16th inst., and the French steamer *Guinevere* near the Pescadores.The *Lauchlin* is a steamer of 1764 tons net, which put in at Wooming last week with her coal bunkers on fire, and left ostensibly for Kobe on the 13th inst. The *Guinevere* is a Saigon-bound steamer of 711 tons net.STEAMER MOVEMENTS.  
The M.M. str. *Caledonia*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., for this port via Saigon.  
The Indo-China str. *Nemours* left Cebu for this port via the Strait on the 21st inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prx.  
The P. & O. str. *Palma* left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at 1 p.m.

## TYPICAL AMERICAN FRAUD.

Kansas City imports a "typical fraud." The patrons of the American Mercantile Company, a get-rich-quick concern in the Hall had dug found the doors locked and the following notice posted:—

"Good by, you suckers, good by."  
The American Mercantile Company is said to have come here from St. Joseph, Missouri. It wrote contracts with individuals who obligated themselves to pay certain sums for eighty weeks, at the end of which the individual was to receive his money back, with a very liberal rate of interest. The company's first contracts are just beginning to mature and the patrons were demanding their money. From the volume of the contracts, it is estimated that the "suckers" number 2000 or more. Inquiries have come recently from San Francisco and Los Angeles, indicating that the concern was operating as far west as the Coast. Two women who paid 82 weekly for eighty weeks were among those who called to get their money to-day. Manager Shipley has disappeared and the victims are unable to locate him.

## CHINESE FEARS.

A Peking dispatch states that the Government was very much exercised with the news of the action of the Japanese in ordering the establishment of civil administrations in Manchuria, and so instructions were sent to the Chinese Minister at Tokyo to protest against such a move, it being feared that once established there would be difficulty in getting the Japanese to retire from the places occupied by them. It was also contended that as there are already Chinese civil mandarins in Manchuria, there is no necessity for Japanese. This led, we believe, to the recent declaration of the Japanese Government that the civil administration referred merely to the Liaotou Peninsula, which had been leased to Russia prior to the war.—N.C. Daily News.

## CHINESE PENAL REFORM.

IS IT OPERATIVE?  
The *Fookow Echo* of May 13th writes—"A native woman of Kienning-fu, accused of the wilful murder of her husband by poisoning, was put to death in a secret place, and water upon him while in a secret place, and another native who assisted her, was brought down in a cage last week for trial by the Provincial Judge."

Both having been found guilty of wilful murder were sentenced to death, the man by decapitation and the woman by the slicing process. It is said that the executions are to take place either to day or to-morrow.

The above forms a curious comment on the recent Imperial Edict abolishing the slicing process. It does, indeed. Was the "it is said" well warranted?



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1. That it is desirable that the Company may be dissolved and that it be wound up voluntarily.
2. That the General Managers be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators.
3. That the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a New Company to be named the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have been prepared with the approval of the Consulting Engineer of the Company.
4. That the Liquidators be empowered to sell to the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" the undertaking of this Company at the price of \$200 per share either in cash or shares of the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" at the option of the shareholders of this Company and to enter into all necessary agreements to that effect.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.  
Dated 22nd May 1905.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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Dated this 23rd day of May, 1905.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1905.

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1905.

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the 23rd and 24th May, 1905, at 10 A.M., each day, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDAY NAVAL VICTUALLING, OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED STORES.

Comprising:—  
FIXED OVERHANGING SHEERS, complete with CHAINS and BLOCKS, capable of lifting 20 tons—Post land 30 tons.

ELECTRIC CABLE, MACHINE, VENTILATING BRASS COPPER, IRON, MANGANESE, BRONZE, PAPER, SUEP CANVAS, FURNITURE, BLANKETS, PROVISIONS, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1905.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

**ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.**

Action No. 95 of 1905.

**TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

By Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

**VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,**

situate at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

**THURSDAY,**

the 25th day of May, 1905, at 3 o'clock P.M., at Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH'S SALES ROOMS, Des Vaux Road Central.

All that right of Equity of Redemption of and in all those portions of Marine Lot No. 225 which are registered in the Land Office as Subsections Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section D of Marine Lot No. 225, and which said pieces or parcels of ground contain by measurement in the whole 5,742 square feet and are more particularly delineated on the plan thereof annexed to an Indenture of Assignment dated the 31st December, 1883, and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 18678 with the Dealing House known as Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 9 Tung Lei Lane and Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 16 New Market Street, Victoria, aforesaid, and are held from the Crown for the residue of a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years granted by a Crown Lease dated the 14th day of December, 1878. Annual proportion of Crown Rent, \$100.31.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES and MASTER, Solicitors for the Plaintiffs in the above action, who have the conduct of the said Action, or to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Dated the 13th day of May, 1905.

**Y ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to sell by Public Auction

**WEDNESDAY,**

the 31st May, 1905, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Office No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street),

THE VERY VALUABLE RECLAMATION PROPERTY

being Subsections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section D of the Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 225, in ONE LOT.

This Lot comprises Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Connaught Road West, and Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 15 New Market Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The property is held under the usual Reclamation Agreement at the annual Crown Rent of \$146. Area about 7,912 Square Feet.

Particulars and Conditions of sale may be had from the Vendor's Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, 1, Des Vaux Road.

And also of the Auctioneers, Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Hongkong, 16th May, 1905.

**BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to sell by Public Auction

**MONDAY,**

the 5th June, 1905, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at their AUCTION ROOM, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street),

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

which is intended to be registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTION I OF SECTION N OF MARINE LOT NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE, in one Lot.

This property comprises Nos. 84, 86, 88, and 90, KO SHING STREET, Victoria, Hongkong.

Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from the Vendor's Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, and also from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

**MONDAY,**

the 12th day of June, 1905, at 3 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS.

The following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, viz:—

All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid, registered in the Land Office as Subsection I of Section N of Marine Lot No. 409 B, area 37,035 square feet, or thereabouts; Term 997 years. Annual Crown Rent \$74.40, together with the Messuage thereon known as "Greenmount" Bonham Road, Victoria aforesaid.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Vendor's Solicitors.

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1905.

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## AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mrs. MATHER, to Sell by Public Auction,

**SATURDAY AND MONDAY,**

the 27th and 28th May, 1905, commencing each day at 2 P.M. at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, PEDDER'S HILL.

THE WHOLE OF HER VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

(of Hall and 1012, Marlborough Lane, Crawford & Co., and English Makes.

Comprising:—  
UPHOLSTERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, BOOKCASES, OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED MIRROR, DINING ROOM, OCCASIONAL TABLES, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.

SMALL DINING TABLES, DINING CHAIRS, BREAKFAST ROOM, BEDROOMS, DRESSING ROOMS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c.

BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS (Single and Double), WARDROBES with BEVELLED MIRROR, DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED MIRROR, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET SETS, UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS, &c., &c.

PANTRY, BATHROOM and KITCHEN REQUISITES.

Also  
2 COTTAGE PIANOS, and  
A Quantity of POTTS and PLANTS.

TERMS:—As Customary.  
On View from Thursday, the 25th May, 1905.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1905.

**PUBLIC COMPANIES**

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY in Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at half-past Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Monday, the 22nd instant, to Monday, 29th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1905.

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**LOST.**

THE CERTIFICATES of 760 and 360 SHARES standing in the Registrar of the Company in the names of ANTONIO OSORIO and TAM BON CHIU have been

LOST, viz:—  
In the name of ANTONIO OSORIO—  
Scrip No. 380/382, 2429/2503 in scrip

of 25 " 383 4539/4553 " 25 " 384/386 2824/2898 in scrip

of 25 " 387 4696/4720 " 25 " 388/391 3428/3500 in scrip

of 25 " 392 4904/4974 " 25 " 393 5631/5690 " 10 " 394/396 5631/5680 in scrip

of 25 " 397 117320/119519 in scrip

of 25 " 398 18651/19050 in scrip

of 25 " 399 19151/19350 in scrip

of 50 " 400 760 Shares.

In the name of TAM BON CHIU—  
Scrip No. 329/336 19551/19750 in scrip

of 25 " 337 19151/19788 " 40 " 338 18919/18950 " 40 " 339 23504/23605 " 100 " 340 23606/23625 " 20 "

360 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Duplicate Certificates for the said 1,120 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1905.

**HONGKONG BUSINESS DIRECTORY.**

**IRON MERCHANTS.**

SINGON & CO., Metal and Hardware

Iron, Steel, Wholesale and Retail

Merchants, Pig Iron and Foundry.

Color-Importers, General Storekeepers and Commission Agents.

35 & 37, Hing Loong Street, (1st Street, West of Central Market.)

**JEWELLERS**

MAISON LEVY HERMANOS, Diamond Merchants and Watchmakers, 40 Watson's Building, Queen's Road. Also at Shanghai, Manila, Paris and Hongkong.

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**STOREKEEPERS**

BISMARCK & CO., Navy Contractors, Ship Chandlers, Provision and Coal Merchants, Sailmakers, &c. Fresh Water supplied to Vessels in the Harbour.

**KWONG SANG & CO.,**















